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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV VISIT TO POLAND

REF: (A) SOFIA 1421 (NOTAL); (B) SOFIA 1575 (NOTAL);  
(C) MOSCOW 12696 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THE NOV 12-16 VISIT TO POLAND OF A  
BULGARIAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY PARTY FIRST  
SECRETARY ZHIVKOV AND COUCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN  
TODOROV WAS CONDUCTED WITH MUCH FANFARE AND FULL MEDIA  
EXPOSURE, BUT THER WAS LITTLE PUBLIC INDICATION OF ITS  
SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS. ZHIVKOV CAME PREACHING SOCIALIST  
SOLIDARITY, AS HE HAS ON RECENT VISITS ELSEWHERE (REF A).  
HOWEVER, SINCE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE POLES HAD MUCH TO  
GAIN FROM THE VISIT IN CONCRETE ECONOMIC TERMS, WE  
WONDER IF THE VISIT WAS SOMEHOW OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE  
BULGARIANS, OR TO ZHIVKOV PERSONALLY THAN TO THE POLES. END  
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SUMMARY.

2. THE BULGARIAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT "FRIENDSHIP VISIT" TO POLAND INCLUDED CLOSED-DOOR SESSIONS INTERSPERSED WITH WIDELY PUBLICIZED SIGHTSEEING TOURS OF WARSAW'S "OLD CITY." FOR EXAMPLE, AND MEETING WITH WORKERS AT, AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE CEGIELSKI PLANT IN POZNAN WHICH PRODUCES MARINE ENGINES FOR BULGARIA'S SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM. THE TRIP WAS PLANNED FOR MAXIMUM PUBLIC AND MEDIA EXPOSURE, WITH BANNERS AND CROWDS LINING MOTORCADE ROUTES AND LENGTHY SPEECHES AT DINNER GATHERINGS AND WORKER ASSEMBLIES.

3. MAJOR THEMES IN SPEECHES BY BOTH SIDES, IN THE PRESS COVERAGE, AND IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDED THAT OF THE UNITY AND POWER OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND SOCIALIST POLICY AS A GUARANTOR OF PEACE. THERE WAS ALSO HEAVY STRESS ON SOCIALIST UNITY AS A MEANS OF ASSURING THE SUCCESS NOT ONLY OF THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY BUT ALSO OF THE ECONOMIC AIMS OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. THERE WAS MUCH PRAISE FOR POLISH-BULGARIAN FRIENDSHIP AND EMPHASIS ON THE UNITY OF VIEWS OF THE RESPECTIVE REGIMES. HOWEVER, DESPITE FREQUENT DISCUSSION OF EXPANDING POLISH-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND OF POSSIBILITIES FOR STILL FURTHER COOPERATION UNDER CEMA PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, FEW DETAILS EMERGED CONCERNING THE SPECIFICS AND MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE AIMS.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED NOV 17, COVERS THE GAMUT OF STANDARD REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUED. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO SOFIA'S REPORT (REF B), EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCES POLISH ACCEPTANCE OF AN INVITATION FOR A RETURN PARTY-GOVERNMENT VISIT TO BULGARIA, BUT GIVES NO DATE.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE AT A LOSS TO IDENTIFY WHAT OF SIGNIFICANCE THE POLES MIGHT HAVE GAINED FROM THIS VISIT, EXCEPT THAT IT MAY SERVE TANGENTIALLY TO BALANCE THEIR CURRENT ACTIVE CONTACTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.  
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WE INCLINE TO BELIEVE THE ADVANTAGES  
ACCRUED MORE TO THE BULGARIAN SIDE.  
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